Launching of Russian Built Satellites

3265. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO has signed up for involvement in two important global navigation systems, the Russian GLONASS and Europe's GALILEO and hopes to launch some of the replenishment satellites on its launcher;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ISRO also proposes to launch some Russian built satellites from India in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been received from Russian Space Agency to launch their satellite for global navigation System in the coming years.

Space Partnership

3266. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is shortly going to sign a pact with USA on space partnership;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed pact is likely to be signed and what advantages would accrue to India as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.